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The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood convened in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 24th & I Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, the Rev. A. H. Pinkall, Pastor, on Monday afternoon, April 1944, at four o'clock.

Rev. G. Gieschen, Redeemer Church, Omaha, led the Opening Devotions. Following the Opening Devotions the business session was held under the direction of President D. L. Tyrrell. Rev. A. H. Pinkall, pastor loci, gave a word of welcome on behalf of St. Luke's Church.

The President announced the following Committees:

Nominations: V. B. Elseffer, Omaha; H. J. Swanson, Omaha; Rev. F. W. Henkel, Auburn.

President's Report: Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, North Platte.

Resolutions: Wm. F. Kedde, Omaha; Adolf W. Nielsen, Lincoln; Leonard D. Foote, Benedict.

President D. L. Tyrrell gave his annual Report.

Dr. J. C. Hershey, President of the Nebraska Synod, brought Greetings from that body, praying God's blessings to the future work of the Brotherhood.

The Secretary pro tem read the Minutes of the previous Annual Convention which were approved as read and placed on file.

Treasurer Wm. Heuer presented his annual Report which was received and placed on file.

Fourteen Brotherhoods responded to the Roll Call, each giving an interesting Report.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was given by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht. A motion carried that the recommendations be adopted.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mr. V. B. Elseffer. A motion carried that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for the following Officers:

President, Wm. F. Kedde, Omaha.

Vice-President, Wm. Rogge, Auburn.

Secretary, Arthur Johansen, South Sioux City.
Treasurer, Ben Meyer, Wayne.

Mr. Wm. F. Kedde, National Brotherhood Keyman, brought greetings from that body, and spoke on the duties of a Keyman.

Mr. Wm. F. Kedde was elected delegate to the next Convention of the Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Following the singing of hymn 275, the session adjourned.

BROTHERHOOD BANQUET—6:30 P.M.

The Annual Banquet of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood was held in the social room of St. Luke's Church, April 24, 6:30 P.M.

Under the direction of Harry Swanson, Omaha, Toastmaster, the program was opened with the singing of "The Sign of the Cross and the Heart." Prayer was offered by Dr. L. H. Lesher, Lincoln.

Several musical numbers were given by members of the host Brotherhood following which there was community singing led by Rev. G. Gieschen, Omaha.

After all had partaken of the delicious dinner, the newly elected Officers were installed by Dr. J. C. Hershey, President of The Nebraska Synod.

Mr. Wm. F. Kedde spoke both as the newly elected President and member of the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America. Mr. Kedde announced the amount of the evening offering as $62.82.

The Rev. Geo. P. Bernard, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska (Augustana Synod), gave an inspiring message on "The Home Front of Today."

The following Resolutions were presented by the Committee on Resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That we express our appreciation to Pastor Pinkall, the Congregation and the Brotherhood for inviting the Synodical Brotherhood to hold their convention in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and also to the Ladies for the splendid banquet.

2. That we thank Rev. Geo. P. Bernard for his splendid, inspiring message.

3. That we express our thanks to the Toastmaster, Mr. Harry Swanson; the Song Leader, Rev. G. Gieschen; the local talent for the musical numbers and all those who have worked so faithfully for the success of this Convention.

4. That we thank our retiring President, Mr. D. L. Tyrrell, and other Officers for their faithful work.

5. That a continued effort be made to have an active Brotherhood in every congregation.

6. That our prayers be brought before the throne of Grace for a speedy and lasting peace.

A motion carried that these Resolutions be adopted.
The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Blessed Be the

Tie That Binds." Rev. H. J. Goede, Omaha, pronounced the Benediction.

WALTER W. KURNMING, Secretary Pro-Tem.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

We are assembled in our Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Rev. A. H. Pinkall, Pastor, Omaha, Nebraska, this twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-four. We are here to receive the annual reports of the various Officers and Committees, and to plan for the growing work of the Brotherhood in our several Congregations.

My association with the Nebraska Brotherhood the past five years, three years as secretary, two years as your president, have indeed been enjoyable. The fact that I have only been a member of the Lutheran Church for nine years makes me extremely grateful to you all for having placed me in these high offices.

It has been my pleasure during this time, to have met and become acquainted with many of the high Officials of the United Lutheran Church and our National Brotherhood, as well as the many fine Pastors and Laymen of the Nebraska Synod. I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for having made this possibe.

The reports you are about to hear will indicate that the active Brotherhoods of our Synod are doing good work. No apologies are offered for those Brotherhoods that are now inactive. They are, in part at least, victims of the war conditions. I fully appreciate that personal visits by the State President help to create and maintain enthusiasm. This has been impractical during these days of restrictions. However, the fact that many of our local Brotherhoods are doing wonderful things proves that the courage and will to go ahead lies primarily within the local Congregation.

During the past year your President has written to all local Brotherhood presidents, trying to impress how important each Brotherhood is to its Church. Men, you do have a sacred responsibility in your congregation.

There are approximately sixty congregations in the Nebraska Synod; fifteen Brotherhoods are reporting—one-fourth of our congregations having Brotherhoods. As I retire from the office of President of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood, I would like to leave this thought with you, "Men, let's strive earnestly and prayerfully to at least reach the goal attained by our other two Official Auxiliaries —our Youth and our Ladies."

To you Pastors present who do not have a Brotherhood, Will you ask the Pastor having a Brotherhood what he truthfully thinks of his men's organization. We are one of the three Official Auxiliaries of the United Lutheran Church. In organization there is strength. Let's have the manpower organized in every Congregation. It will promote greater achievements.

A study of reports for the year indicates that, though many of our members are still being called to the armed forces, we find those left working harder than ever to carry on the valuable program outlined in our six objectives.

There are prospects of new Brotherhoods being organized. We

wish them God's richest blessings and shall welcome them most enthusiastically into our State Brotherhood.

Lutheran World Action, one of our special objectives for the duration, has been wonderfully received. I am happy to report that some of our Brotherhood Churches now display Lutheran World Action one hundred per cent recognition certificates and that those Brotherhoods were leaders in promoting Lutheran World Action.

Personal Evangelism, another special objective, is being well received, but much more needs to be done. Dr. Oscar Carlson, Evangelism Specialist of the Board of Social Missions, who will visit the Midland Assembly this summer, for example, should greatly stimulate this Christian activity.

The twenty-fifth birthday celebration was observed by most of our Brotherhoods on Brotherhood Sunday. The offering and stamp sales were sent to National Headquarters.

Subscriptions to Lutheran Men are much too low. A special effort should be made to increase the sales of this valuable paper in every Men's Group.

The Executive Committee carried on their work entirely by correspondence the past year due to war conditions.

The National Biennial Convention of the Brotherhood will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 8 to 10. Just prior to the Convention of the U. L. C. A.

Our Pastors are invited to suggest ideas for higher efficiency and closer cooperation between the Brotherhoods and the Congregations. We sincerely believe that to create a closer fellowship and a deeper spiritual understanding among the men, a Brotherhood in every Congregation is the answer.

I am grateful for the cooperation and good will of my Fellow Officers, the Officers of Synod, the Congregational Brotherhoods and the courtesy of the Pastors of Synod the past year.

I shall close my report with the following recommendations.

1. That the Synodical Brotherhood ask all Brotherhood men to especially remember, in their prayers and programs, our Lutheran men and women in the Armed Forces, our Chaplains and Sevice Pastors in all parts of the world.

2. That every Brotherhood be urged to offer its services to its Pastor in the successful promotion of Lutheran World Action this next month.

3. That every Brotherhood be urged to offer its services to its Pastor in the successful promotion of Personal Evangelism.

4. That at least a summary of the reports of this Convention together with the President's report be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. TYRRELL, President.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE NEBRASKA SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD

1943:

Receipts

May 2, Balance on hand	$ 35.83
May 7, First Lutheran, York	5.00
May 10, Offfering at the banquet	28.59

May 12, First Lutheran, North Platte	5.00
Nov. 24, St. Paul, Wayne	7.50
1944:	
Jan. 17, St. Paul, Wayne	7.50
Jan. 17, St. Luke's, Emerson	10.00
Jan. 27, Our Redeemer, Omaha	10.00
Feb. 8, Grace, West Point	12.50
Feb. 21, St. Luke's, Omaha	10.00
Feb. 23, Grace, Lincoln	12.50
Feb. 23, First, South Sioux City	10.00
Feb. 24, Salem, Dakota City	3.00
	$157.42

Disbursements

1943:	
May 13, Offering at the banquet to Nat'l Headquarters	$ 30.00
Nov. 4, Claflin Printing Co.	10.00
Nov. 27, St. Paul, Wayne	7.50
1944:	
Feb. 23, St. Luke's, Emerson	5.00
" 23, Our Redeemer, Omaha	5.00
" 23, Grace, West Point	7.50
" 23, St. Luke's Omaha	5.00
" 24, F. E. Wood, Printing Minutes	10.00
" 24, First, South Sioux City	5.00
" 24, Grace, Lincoln	7.50
	$92.50
Balance on hand April 24, 1944	$ 64.92

W. A. HEUER, Treasurer.

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